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SUBJ: RELIEF ASSISTANCE INDOCHINA - UNHCR

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1. FROM PARA 4 OF REF A WE NOTE UNHCR REPS VIEW THAT THE ONLY CRITERION FOR DETERMINING PROPORTIONS OF ASSISTANCE IS TO ALLEVIATE HUMAN SUFFERING, "NOT NUMBER OF PEOPLE" BUT HOW PEOPLE ARE AFFECTED.

2. WE CAN AND SHOULD CERTAINLY TAKE VERY STRONG ISSUE WITH THE NOTION THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE ALLOCATION OF LIMITED RESOURCES. HOWEVER, EVEN BY THE ABOVE MENTIONED CRITERION THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION IS GROSSLY DISPROPORTIONATE. THER IS HUMAN SUFFERING AND PEOPLE ARE AFFECTED IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BY VIRTUE OF ONGOING NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY ATTACKS AGAINST AND IN THE RVN. ON THE OTHER HAND THERE HAS NOT SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE AT THE END OF JANUARY 1973 BEEN ANY MILITARY ATTACK AGAINST THE DRV INCLUDING THE PORTION OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE INCORPORATED INTO THE DRV ALTHOUGHT PRESENTED AS "PRG" TERRITORY. SINCE THERE IS HARDLY ANY POPULATION IN THE REST OF THE TERRITORY CLAIMED BY THE SO-CALLED "PRG" THE HUMAN SUFFERING EXISTING BECAUSE OF STILL CONTINUING NVA MILITARY ACTION IS CONCENTRATED JUST ABOUT ENTIRELY IN THE RVN.

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3. WE HOPE THAT USDEL GENEVA WILL VIGOROUSLY PRESS THE ABOVE
AS WELL AS OTHER POINTS MADE IN REF B WITH UNHCR AND OTHER
APPROPRIATE DELEGATIONS.
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